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1. FRYBOURG OF TRANSPORT RESEARCH INSTITUTE WAS CONTACTED PURSUANT REFTEL INSTRUCTION RE DOCUMENTATION AND LANGUAGE FACILITIES AT LPPSD CONFERENCE. FRYBOURG STATED THAT NOT ONLY IS HE UNABLE SPECIFY HOW MANY PAPERS WILL BE PRESENTED BY FRENCH PARTICIPANTS (NOT TO SPEAK OF NUMBER OF PAGES) BUT AT THIS STAGE HE IS NOT YET IN POSITION TO SAY HOW MANY FRENCH PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEND. GOF WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ONE OFFICIAL, BUT AUGUST VACATION PERIOD HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE YET ASCERTAIN WHAT FRENCH INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION WILL BE. LETTER TO THIS EFFECT ENROUTE EMBASSY WILL BE POUCHED UPON RECEIPT.

2. PREFERRING OF ENGLISH TO FRENCH FOR PRESENTATIONS AND CONCERN SEEMINGLY IMPLICIT IN REFTEL INFO OVER EVENTUAL BURDEN OF TRANSLATION PROMPTED FRYBOURG REMIND US OF GOF SENSITIVITY RE USE OF FRENCH AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. HE SAID FRENCH DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES HELD UNDER AEGIS OF AN INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ORGANIZATION OF WHICH FRENCH WAS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE WERE UNDER

STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE ONLY IN FRENCH, EVEN
THOUGH DELEGATE MIGHT ALSO HAVE EXCELLENT COMMAND OF ENGLISH.
SUCH CONFERENCES MUST ALSO HAVE CORRESPONDING LINGUISTIC
SUPPORT FACILITIES. CONFERENCE ORGANIZED IN CCMS FRAMEWORK
WAS PERFORCE "INTERNATIONAL" AND THUS GOF GUIDELINES RE LANGUAGE APPL-
IED
FOR ITS DELEGATES. ONLY ALTERNATIVE, HE SAID, WAS TO ORGANIZE
"NATIONAL" CONFERENCE TO WHICH FOREIGN PARTICIPATION
INVITED QUESTION OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES WOULD THUS NOT ARISE.
FRYBOURG STRESSED THAT HE WAS CALLING FOREGOING TO OUR
ATTENTION SOLELY TO AVOID POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT IN FUTURE AND
BECAUSE HE HAD IMPRESSION SOME ON US SIDE WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY
AWARE OF PROBLEM AND EVENTUAL IMPLICATIONS. WE MERELY TOOK NOTE
AND SAID WE WOULD PASS ON HIS VIEWS. STONE

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